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In re Application of

White

Application Number

09/939,491

Filed

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For

Clematis Avalanche

Art Unit

1661

Examiner

McCormick

Applicant hereby **appeals** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

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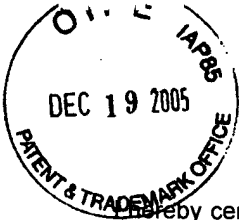
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Notice of Appeal

This is in response to the final office action dated October 7, 2005.

Applicant hereby submits the enclosed Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Since a notice of appeal was previously submitted with a small entity fee of \$160 and the present small entity fee is \$250, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the difference between the previously paid fee and the current fee of \$90 to Deposit Account number 50-2485.

Respectfully submitted,

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